

6th Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM

May 22nd, 2022

²³ Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

John 14:23-24

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

P: Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

L: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

P: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMNS**

**“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
“Speak, O Lord”**

No. 648

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight; Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit; Sustain me, through Christ our Lord, Amen. (Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***CONFESSION RESPONSE:** “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OFFERING RESPONSE:** “We Give Thee But Thine Own” **No. 816**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Lamentations 3:22-23

ANTHEM

“There is an Everlasting Kindness”

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

SERMON

“Radical Compassion”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN**

“Be Thou My Vision”

No. 562

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

***Those who are able please stand.**

Ushers: Family Ushers

Welcome Desk: Autumn Moore

Liturgist: Charlotte Smedley

Greeters: Kevin & Sue Hilliard

Fellowship Hour: Lori McCann

Child Care: Sarah Murtha

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday:	10 AM Worship	11:15 AM Sunday School
Monday:	6:30 PM Men's Bible Study	
Tuesday:	1 PM Quilting	
Wednesday:	9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation	5 PM Agape Feast
	6 PM Youth Group	6:30 PM Mom's Group
		6:30 PM Women's Bible Study
Thursday:	7 PM Choir	
May 29:	10 AM Worship	

WELCOME- Today we rejoice with our new covenant partners who by their profession of faith commit to live out their faith with us: Phil, Laura (Ben and Adam) Mason, Don and Jeanne Gamble, Lauren and Adam Schettler, Pam Greb, Ed Garrison, Sally Cooper, and Kathy Kriebel.

HELP NEEDED: SUMMER BLOCK PARTY- Saturday June 4th will be our annual church block party from 4-7 PM. **We are in need of volunteers to help in the kitchen, with set up, clean up, and parking to make this event a success!** The sign up sheet is in the library.

LADIES: Plan to join in a baby shower celebrating Robyn Freund and the upcoming arrival of her baby Nova Grace. Shower will be held on Sunday, June 12th from 2pm - 4pm at the church. Please sign up in the library. Robyn is registered at Target and Amazon.

ROOTED- Are you looking for a deeper life with Jesus? Do you feel like you need to grow in discipleship? This summer Pastor Steve will be leading a pilot program called Rooted after worship on Sundays. The purpose is to grow deeper in discipleship. Spots are limited to 12. You can sign up in the library. Please see Pastor Steve for more details.

AGAPE FEAST- Please join us for this month's community dinner on Wednesday, May 25th from 5:00-6:00 at the church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Registration is still open for this year's Vacation Bible School which will be held June 27 – July 1st 2022 from 5:45-7:50.

CHURCH PICNIC- We hope you will join us for this year's church picnic on Friday, July 8th from 6:00-8:00 at the Slear's property. The Deacon's will be providing the meal. Please sign up in the library so we have an estimated count.

SUMMER MUSICIANS NEEDED – We need volunteers to provide special music during church this summer. If anyone is interested in providing music for one of our services, please see Vicki Georgic. Whether you play an instrument or love to sing, we welcome you to share your gift with us!

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